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1. WITH REGARD TO THREE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON US DRAFT
REGISTRATION TEXT RAISED BY SOVDELOFF MAIORSKIY (REFTEL),
YOU MAY RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: WE INCLUDED
ARTICLE (IV) (1) (C) AND (D) IN OUR DRAFT AS PART OF EFFORT
TO TABLE REGISTRATION TREATY WHICH COULD SECURE BROAD
AGREEMENT. AS PROVISIONS STAND, REPORTING COUNTRY ITSELF
COULD DECIDE ON CONVENTIONAL DESIGNATION OF MAIN LAUNCHING
VEHICLE AND ON HOW PRECISELY TO IDENTIFY " PLACE OF LAUNCH."
IN THIS REGARD, US WOULD PLAN TO IDENTIFY LAUNCHES AS
BEING FROM EITHER EASTERN OR WESTERN RANGE (I. E., CAPE
KENNEDY OR VANDENBERG) RATHER THAN PROVIDING PRECISE
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LAUNCH PAD COORDINATES. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT SIMILAR PRACTICE BY USSR TO BE OUT OF QUESTION.

2. RE ARTICLE IV (1) (F). CATEGORIES LISTED UNDER VARIOUS LETTER REFERENCES ACCORD WITH EXISTING US PRACTICE. WHAT VARIATIONS DO SOVIETS HAVE IN MIND? YOU SHOULD SOUND OUT WHAT SOVIETS MEAN AND NOT INDICATE ANY GIVE IN OUR POSITION ON ARTICLE IV (1) (F). RUSH
NEW 24 NW TITI KUNING GENERATION

(6 UNITS OF 4 NW EACH)	6,050
D. DIST. SYSTEM INCL. TOOLS (DOLS 311)	
AND TEST EQUIP. (DOLS 82)	4,463
E. COMM. EQUIP.	80
F. ORIGINAL ENGR. SERVICES	1,641
G. ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING	95
H. BANK CHARGES	30
I. CONTINGENCIES	130
J. TOTAL	DOLS 13,800

RATIONALE FOR PROCEEDING AS ABOVE: GIVEN THE DIFFICULTY OF ESTIMATING JOB (PARTICULARLY DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT) WITH PRECISION WE NEED BIDS BOTH GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION IFBS TO DETERMINE DOLLAR SHORTFALL, IF ANY. ONCE WE KNOW THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SHORTFALL, WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO COPE WITH IT BY (A) SMALL REDUCTIONS IN DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT OR (B) ADDITIONAL FINANCING EITHER BY GOI DIRECTLY OR SUPPLEMENTAL AID LOAN.

3. WE RECOMMEND (A) PLN INSTRUCT HARZA PREPARE GENERATION IFB FOR SIX FOUR MW UNITS WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT OPTION FOR FEWER NUMBER (HARZA NOW PREPARING IFB FOR FOUR WITH OPTION FOR ONE AND TWO MORE UNITS AND EXPECT COMPLETION BY WEEK OF APRIL 16) AND SUBMIT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO USAID - AID/ W- PLN; (B) PLN INSTRUCT HARZA PREPARE CLEAN FINAL DRAFT DISTRIBUTION IFB WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT OPTIONS DECREASING OR INCREASING SCOPE PRIOR AWARD, AS SOON AS ALL USAID - AID/ W - PLN COMMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR, AND SUBMIT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THOSE THREE PARTIES; (C) BID DATES BOTH IFB' S TO BE SET AS CLOSE TOGETHER AS POSSIBLE SO THAT REAL FINANCIAL PICTURE KNOWN TO ENABLE NECESSARY ACTION BE INITIATED AND AWARDS MADE BEFORE EITHER BID VALIDITY PERIOD EXPIRES. RUSH

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